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In re Patent Application of )  
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Application No.: 08/876,812 ) Group Art Unit: 1641  
Filed: June 17, 1997 ) Examiner: Nguyen, B.  
For: ELECTROCHEMICAL TEST DEVICE )  
AND RELATED METHODS )

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In the Office Action dated September 28, 1998, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following under 35 U.S.C. 121:

Claims 1-16, drawn to an electrochemical test device, classified in  
class 422, subclass 82.01;

Claims 17-32, drawn to a method for measuring an analyte,  
classified in class 422, subclass 98; and

Claims 33-51, drawn to a method of making an electrochemical  
test device, classified in class 427, subclass 468.

In response to the restriction requirement, the Applicant elects Group I. This election is made without traverse.

The device of Group I and its use, Group II and its manufacture and Group III all constitute a single invention, and all claims to that invention should issue in a single patent.

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Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

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